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In re Application of

Hakariya, Masashi et al

Application No. 10/593,635

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For: CONTROL SYSTEM OF INTERNAL:

**COMBUSTION ENGINE** 

**DECISION ON REQUEST TO** 

PARTICIPATE IN PATENT

PROSECUTION HIGHWAY

PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER

37 CFR § 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed Nov. 20, 2007 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS and a copy of Japanese patent publications are acknowledged. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Examiner John Kwon, Art Unit 3747 at 571-272-4846.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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